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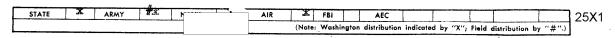
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- 1. On 19 June 1955, an estimated 800 Soviet soldiers and civilians departed from the Bad Voeslau railroad station. The train consisted of eight Pullman cars with "ussian inscription and each car was marked with a tablet "Vienna\_Budapest\_Cop". In front of the station stood some 40 trucks and cars leaded with baggage and boxes. Among the departing travelers were many women and children.
- 2. During June 1955, Soviet ammunition was flown out of the Dautson Wagram—Strasshof airfield. The project was to be completed by 4 July 1955, and prior to that date no civilians were permitted to enter the airfield.
- 3. The Soviet headquarters at Allertsteig informed Austrian authorities that firing exercises with live ammunition would take place at the Doellersheim training area between 2 July and 12 July 1955.
- 4. On 7 July 1955, approximately 100 150 Soviet trucks arrived at Linz-Urfahr. Because they were covered with tarpaulins, it is not known what equipment they were carrying. This is the largest concentration of vehicles that has been seen in that area.
- 5. On a Damube island which lies north of the Melk monadtery, the Soviets have assembled a large engineer unit which is housed in three tent camps. An estimated 2,000 men are stationed there with numerous trucks and amphibicus vehicles. On 9 July, when Damube flood waters threatened the island, these troops withdrew to a wooded area east of Matzleinsdorf. Once the flood waters recede, it is possible that the Soviets will return to the island which in the past served as training area for the Austrian army, the German army and now the Red Army.
- 6. On 11 July, a Soviet unit which was equipped with light artillery was entrained at Goepfritz. The unit had come from the Doellersheim training area and was being transported via Hegyeshalom to Hungary.
- 7. On 11 July, a Soviet armored unit arrived at Goepfritz from the Vienna-Matzleinsdorf railroad station. Approximately 20 newly-painted tanks were counted. The tank unit presumably was on its way to Doellersheim.

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